



**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 10, 2023

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## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



**The Ministry of National Security's General Administration Division commemorated International Women's Day 2023 by hosting a Women's Crush Wednesday Symposium that featured speakers, interactive segments, prizes and giveaways.**

**The featured speakers at the Symposium were Inspector Francis who spoke on Personal Safety for women, Mrs. Nalini Suratsingh from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Credit Union (TTPCU) who presented on Women and Finance and Ms. Kathy Ann Thomas Ellbourne from the Ministry of Health who spoke on Women's Health.**

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Staff in attendance had the opportunity to interact with the speakers, gain insightful knowledge on topics of discussion, and were treated to desserts and other giveaways. Staff members expressed their resounding appreciation for an informative, mindful and enjoyable Symposium. The event was sponsored by Hadco Limited, Angostura and featured the talented contributions of staff.





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## PRISONS HOST PREPARATION FOR RELEASE PROGRAMME



**Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P., on March 07, 2023, joined Vision on Mission (VOM) and the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service to launch the 2023 Preparation for Release Programme within the country's prison system.**

**The Preparation for Release Programme, which is aligned to the Prison Service's Correctional Education Programme, is primarily offered and delivered to convicted inmates who have 18-24 months remaining in their sentence.**

**The Preparation for Release Programme is designed to provide cognitive, behavioural, restructuring, resettlement opportunities and linkages to the necessary support services to improve offenders' transition from Prison to communities. The result of this can lead to increased public safety and the reduction of reoffending by participating inmates.**



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Delivering the feature address, Minister Hinds acknowledged the significance of the Preparation for Release Programme and thanked Vision on Mission for the work the organisation has been doing in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Prison Service, through the programme and in resettling persons released from prison.

The Minister urged the programme participants to be positive role models upon their return to their respective communities. He stated, "Make the most out of the second chance you have been given by leading productive lives as law-abiding citizens".

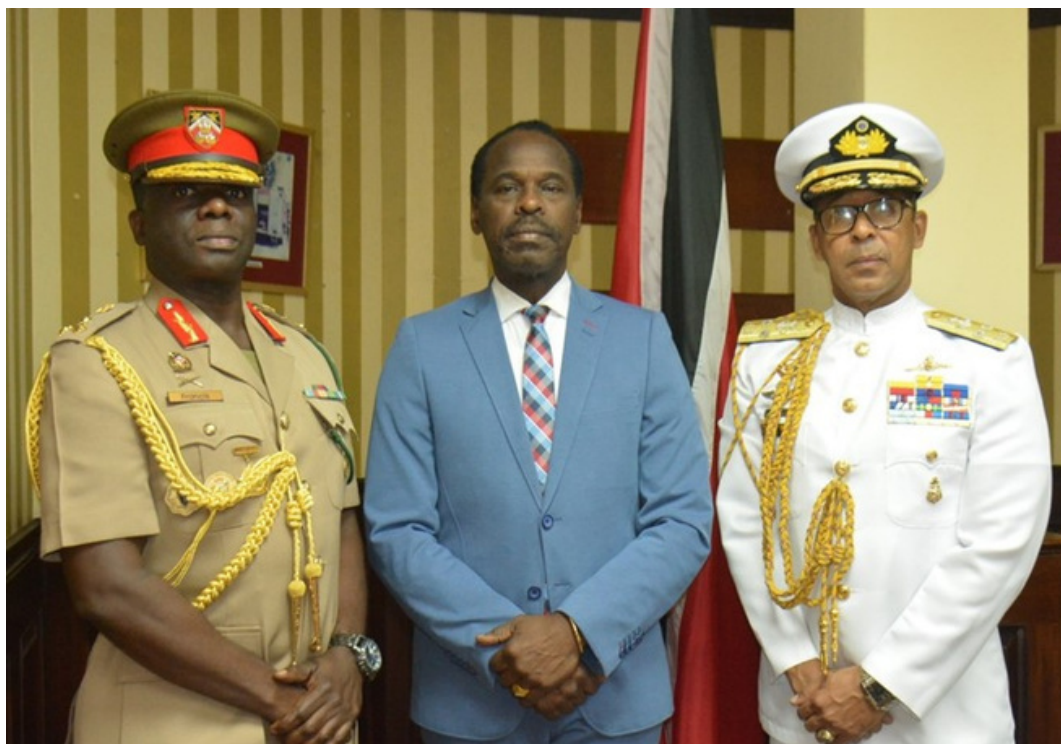




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## TT AND VENEZUELA IMPROVE RELATIONS IN DEFENCE AND SECURITY



**Minister of National Security, the Honourable Fitzgerald Hinds M.P. received a courtesy call from the newly appointed Defence Attaché of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Vice Admiral Reinaldo Jose Leon Fajardo, on March 03, 2023.**

**The meeting presented an opportunity for the Minister to be introduced to the new Defence Attaché and engage in discourse on strengthening the bilateral relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela in the areas of Defence and Security. Discussions also focused on improving the collaboration between the Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force and the National Bolivarian Armed Forces, particularly in the area of border security.**





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